



THE HAPPY HOLLOW HOLLER

HAPPY HOLLOW SCHOOL & PTO NEWSLETTER

May 9, 2014

“Everyone takes surveys. Whoever makes a statement about human behavior has engaged in a survey of some sort.”

~Andrew Greeley, Author

Dear Friends

Susan E. Wyse of Snap Surveys say, “Surveys are useful in describing the characteristics of a large population. No other research method can provide this broad capability, which ensures a more accurate sample to gather targeted results in which to draw conclusions and make important decisions

Toward that end, it is that time of year again, when I seek to engage all of our Happy Hollow families in providing our school community with such information. Excitingly so, we are in our sixth year of presenting you with our *Happy Hollow Annual Survey*. And, we are in our second year of presenting our graduating fifth graders with the *Happy Hollow Graduating Students Survey*.

A little history ~ The survey grew out of discussions among our Happy Hollow School Council members six years ago. The goal was to create a document that could be an annual report card of sorts ~ something that would keep us on track, focused and up-to-date in what our constituents might be thinking about all areas of our school program, facility, activities and staff efforts.

Sam Levenson ~ a journalist and humorist appearing on a variety of TV shows over the course of many years once said, “You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself...” How true! So all opinions count! We don't want to keep making the same mistakes. We certainly want to learn from those we've made all on our own, those we've made together, and those others have made for us. We all learn and grow from mistakes and wrong turns. It's the learning that comes from making them that is important ~ “Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” ~ Albert Einstein

In turn, we all like to hear what is going well. If we are doing something right, we should know it! We might not always see the good that we do and we all know that success builds upon success. We want to build on our successes and move productively toward the future, learning to understand them so we can grow and wrap our practice around each and every one.

Therefore, I would like to request a bit of your time. Please take a moment and fill out our *Sixth Annual Happy Hollow Survey*. It is an honor to work in this district and the staff joins me in thanking you for your support and kindness. As always, we seek to improve and change ~ most especially as we move into a new school configuration. Your feedback is even more essential than usual, as with the new comes new opportunities. We want to bring your words alive so that our school is defined by those who are the constituents of its creation. Therefore, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live them.” ~ John F. Kennedy ~

Sooo, my friends, please click on the link and let us know what you think!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HH2014ParentSurvey>

All best and much peace to you!

Jim Lee, Principal

True

False



This and that from the principal's office:

Lost and Found:

Our Lost and Found area is still looking a lot like snowy weather is on the way. Now that it is spring, we want all winter coats, snowpants and boots to find their owners. ~ Many other items there too. We also have non-clothing items in the office ~ so if you lost glasses, a toy or the like ~ even foreign money, please check with us.

As always, remember to visit the Happy Hollow and District Calendars for upcoming events and look for Happy Hollow Happenings to stay current!

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| Monday, May 12 | MCAS Testing, Grade 5, Science and Technology Session 1 | |
| Tuesday, May 13 | MCAS Testing, Grade 3, Math Session 2 | |
| Wednesday, May 14 | MCAS Testing, Grade 5, Science and Technology Session 2 | |
| Thursday, May 15 | PARCC Testing for some fourth grade classes | |
| Wednesday, May 20 | Last day of MCAS and PARCC Testing | Last day for make-ups as well! |
| Thursday, May 21 | Field Day grades 1 & 2 | Rain date, June 4th |
| Wednesday, May 22 | Fifth Grade Play | 10-11 am HH gym 7-8 pm HH gym |
| Monday, May 26 | No School –Memorial Day | |
| Saturday, May 31 | Wayland to Boston Play Date | Boston Bowl |
| Monday, June 2 | String Concert | 7:00 pm WHS |
| Monday, June 3 | Instrumental Concert | 10-11am HH gym |
| Tuesday, June 3 | Band Concert | 7:00 pm WHS |
| Thursday, June 5 | Field Day Grades 3-5 | Rain date, June 12th |
| Monday, June 9 | School Picnic | 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Friday, June 19 | Last Day of School ~ Wednesday Dismissal Schedule | Dismissal at 1:50 p.m. |
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Wayland to Boston Play Date

In our efforts to build relationships between the Wayland community and the Boston community, we have arranged a "special play date" in Boston to encourage interaction outside a school setting.

Elementary students who are Boston residents have a chance to invite their friends who live in Wayland to a fun day in Boston on **Saturday, May 31, 2014**. Parents please communicate with each other in order to solidify plans.

What: **Wayland to Boston - Play date**

Where: **Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02122**

When: **Saturday, May 31, 2014 @ 3:15 p.m.**

Cost: **\$9/person (due upon arrival)**

***includes 1 hr of bowling, shoe rental and 5 tokens*parents are responsible for supervision, transportation and cost**

Any questions/concerns contact Latisha Dukes-Pearson, METCO Elementary Coordinator at [508-358-3775](tel:508-358-3775) or at Latisha.Dukes-Pearson@wayland.k12.ma.us

HEALTHY HOLLER Jeanne MacDonald, RN



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM April 2014

THANK YOU PTO and PARENT VOLUNTEERS

- We had our last school wide **head lice check** on Tuesday, April 29, 2014.
- **Thank You** to all of the parent volunteers that have helped with this very important screening throughout the school year.
- Please continue to check your child's head as part of their daily hygiene. Early detection does help minimize any outbreaks. For up to date educational information please review the following web pages:

www.cdc.gov/lice/head/factsheet.html

www.headlice.org/

Check your children for tick:

- Please click on the link for Lyme Information:
- <http://www.aldf.com/raad.shtml>
- <http://www.tickencounter.org/>
- This is the time of year that you may find a tick and it is important to be checking your children.

Other information

- **3rd grade students entering 4th grade in September 2014 are required to have a current physical on file. Parents need to send their child's most current physical (2013-14) into the school office, attention: school nurse/Mrs. MacDonald RN**
- **Please remember to apply sunscreen, and to hydrate as the weather gets warmer.**

Jeanne MacDonald RN

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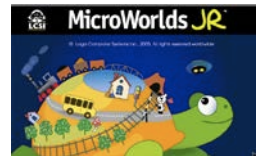
Curriculum Corner



Technology News for Grades 1-5 from Ms. Crozier

May 2014

1st Grade: This week we started part two of our programming unit by introducing the program MicroWorlds Jr. Students will combine their drawing experience from Kid Pix and their Beebot programming knowledge by creating an animated water scene. We will share their creations with you at the end of the year.



I have posted the [first grade penguin projects on my website](#). There is one slideshow for each classroom. I am very proud of their work and determination. We hope you enjoy the show!

2nd Grade: Students are creating a Kid Pix slideshow sharing their classroom continent research. Students have explored slideshows made by previous second graders and are now working on creating their pages. Slideshows will consist of a cover page, three different topic pages and a closing page. All pages will consist of a background (either drawn or ready made), typed facts and picture details. I'm already very impressed with their focus and drawing skills! I love what I am seeing!



Kid Pix Deluxe 3D

3rd Grade: Students have been working on a rock/mineral Kid Pix slideshow. Students began by selecting a topic and researching the answers to five questions. Research is a tough skill; students persevered during this step. Then students used a storyboard paper to plan out their slides for their slideshow. Included in this step was a discussion on naming your computer files? How do you select a good name? This an important step in staying organized. Then we moved on to creation. Lots of work ahead but I can already see their writing experience from Google Docs and their Kid Pix experience coming together quickly.



Kid Pix Deluxe 3D

4th Grade: We have started our programming unit. Students will be using the Scratch program to create an animated name project. Each week students will explore several different features to build their scratch knowledge.

SCRATCH



5th Grade: Most classes have completed their QR Code project. Look for student work to be posted in the hallway soon. What a fun way to show what you know about a topic and make it clickable! Over the past few weeks students have been gathering pictures to use in a shape collage about themselves. The pictures should express who they are as a student, friend, family member, person... Students will use the google app - Loupe Collage (which is an app available in Google Drive) to create a shape collage of their name. A few tech skill embedded in this project are downloading pictures, organizing files and using googles filter feature to look for appropriate images.



5th Grade Tech Crew: We have switched hosting duties to Mr. Moynihan's class. They hosted on Monday, April 28th. However, they will be off for the month of May due to MCAS and other activities. They will pick back up in June. Check out all of the [Animoto work on the Assembly website](#).

2013-2014 PTO Events: Happy Hollow

Save the Date

Together We Can Make It Happen!

Dates subject to change

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you looking to get involved at school? We are in need of volunteers for many unique opportunities. Most of these volunteer opportunities require only a small time commitment, but have a huge impact on our schools and our children. Take a peek at the events calendar and contact the committee head to learn more or email Amy Simmons at: happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

| EVENT | DATE/TIME | CONTACT |
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| Cultural Enrichment | Ongoing | Alexia Obar & Seta Abrahamian |
| Just Like Me | Throughout the year | 3rd Grade: Laura Byrne & Jamie Janoff 4th Grade: Jen Bonner |
| 5 th Grade Activities | Events/Dates TBA | Tamara Kolz |
| Nutrition Challenge | | |
| Fitness Challenge | | |
| Florence Adler Walk/Run | May 10 (S) registration 9:00 at Wayland Middle School | |
| Fifth Grade Play | May 22 (Th) | Kristin Neprud |
| Annual PTO Meeting & Thank you Breakfast | Jun. 4 (W) at 9:00 am HH Caf | Amy Simmons |
| Fifth Grade Pool Party | Jun. 6 (F) 3-5 pm Rain Date: Jun. 13 (F) 3-5 pm | Jinglei Whitehouse |
| End of Year Picnic | Jun. 9 (M) at 5:30 pm Rain Date: Jun. 11 (W) | Cathy Caulfield |
| Book Fair | Jun. 9 & 10 (M & T) | Lynne Cribben & Gretchen Dresens |
| Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event | Jun. 5 (Th) | Jill Zukerman & Samantha Richter |
| Fifth Grade Beach Party | Jun 19 (Th) 3 – 5 pm | Lisa Puckett |

PTO Volunteer Needs

PTO Board & Committee Chair Positions Open for 2014-2015

All types of opportunities to get involved! All are welcome!

The Happy Hollow PTO is a volunteer organization that is run by each and every parent of a student at Happy Hollow – if you have a child at Happy Hollow, *you are a member of the PTO*. By participating in Gift Your Child, volunteering time in the classroom, or attending school events, we are all helping to support and enrich our children's elementary school experience.

The Happy Hollow PTO board has a few positions for the 2014-2015 school year that we are still looking for candidates for. It will be an exciting year full of change, the opportunity to reinvigorate our school community, and is a wonderful time to become more involved in your child(ren)'s school. Without the time and support of our Happy Hollow parents, the PTO would not be able to so fully support educational enrichment in our school.

Openings include, but aren't limited to:

Book Fair Coordinators – 2-3 parents to coordinate the Fall and Spring Scholastic book fairs.

Vice President – this role supports the president and coordinates the PTO weekly eblasts and monthly Newsletters

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Co-Chair – join one of our current chairs to organize appreciation events throughout the year to celebrate our faculty and staff

Just Like Me Coordinators – 3rd grade coordinator(s) needed for the *Just Like Me* program – a hands-on program teaching children about disabilities of all sorts.

World's Fair Rep – Happy Hollow needs a volunteer to work on the joint elementary schools' World's Fair Committee

Fitness & Nutrition Challenge Coordinator(s) – If fitness and nutrition is your thing, join the PTO to bring back the Fitness & Nutrition Challenges to our school!

You will find that there are a wide variety of roles available and that there is indeed a role for everyone; whether you have a lot of time or a little, are administrative or creative, want to help out in the classroom or work with the larger community. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions, as each and every committee serves a vital role in our children's experience at Happy Hollow. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Amy Simmons at Happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

PTO News & Events

Wayland youth apparel sale ends May 12th!

Order forms went home in backpacks last week. The PTO Spring Apparel sale includes short sleeve t-shirts, shorts and zip up sweatshirts. All items will be on display in the front lobby of each school, so please check out the items and sizes before you order. All orders are final and must be received by Monday, May 12th. Please contact Amy Simmons at Happyhollowpto@gmail.com with any ordering or sizing questions.



Coffee With Mr. Lee – Elementary Reconfiguration Progress

Tuesday, May 20th, 8:45 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria

Join the PTO for Mr. Lee's monthly coffee on Tuesday, May 20th, at 8:45 am in the Happy Hollow Cafeteria. Mr. Lee will be joining us at 9:00 for a question and answer period regarding the reconfiguration of the elementary schools for next year, where in the process the school district is, and what families can expect going forward this spring.

Please join us to learn more, or with any questions (they don't have to be related to this month's topic), concerns, comments or suggestions that you would like to share – this is the perfect opportunity to talk to Mr. Lee in a small group setting. Light refreshments will be provided, and little ones in tow are always welcome. Please contact Amy Simmons at Happyhollowpto@gmail.com with any questions.

VOLUNTEER FOR FIELD DAY!!

Grades 1 & 2 May 21st, and Grades 3-5 June 5

Help Mr. Berry run Field Day games and activities – these events could not happen without parent volunteers! Feel free to sign up for more than one shift. Shifts are not limited to 18 volunteers, that is the minimum that Mr. Berry needs. The more help, the better. Please note that there are separate sign-up links for Grades 1 & 2 (May 21st) and Grades 3-5 (June 5). Contact Mr. Berry at john_berry@wayland.k12.ma.us with any questions.

We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activity.

GRADES 1 & 2 SIGN-UP:

Please sign up for Grades 1 & 2 Field Day - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/8X6m7c>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

GRADES 3-5 SIGN-UP:

Please sign up for Grades 3-5 Field Day - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/J3DmtC>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Mr. Berry and he can sign you up manually.

BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Friday, May 23rd, 9:00-10:00 am at Loker School

Show your appreciation to Wayland's bus drivers by signing up to donate food, supplies and/or time on Friday, May 23rd, as the PTO honors our school bus drivers with their Annual Appreciation Breakfast. Whether you have a kindergarten student or a graduating senior – these men and women have safely driven our kids to and from school, on innumerable class field trips, and to sporting events and competitions. Let's show our thanks!

Please sign up for Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/LDz5qt>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, or if you have any questions, please contact Amy Simmons at Happyhollowpto@gmail.com and we can sign you up manually.

ANNUAL PTO MEETING & THANK YOU BREAKFAST

Wednesday, June 4th, at 9:00 am

Happy Hollow Cafeteria

Please join us for our Annual PTO Meeting & Volunteer Thank You Breakfast. We invite the entire PTO membership – all of the parents of Happy Hollow and Loker students – to attend and to vote on our:

*2014-2015 Fundraising Budget

*2014-2015 Planning Budget

*2014-2015 PTO Board Slate of Officers

*Changes to the Happy Hollow and Loker PTO Boards' by-laws to reflect the elementary school reconfiguration, and the reactivation of a full Loker PTO Board

Our 2013-2014 Annual Report will be available shortly and we encourage everyone to read it and to participate in this meeting. Little ones in tow are always welcome.

We will also enjoy coffee and light breakfast snacks to celebrate a wonderful year thanks to our many amazing volunteers! We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information contact Amy Simmons at Happyhollowpto@gmail.com.

WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS & STAFF!

SAVE THE DATE for our end of year Teacher & Staff Appreciation Event

Thursday, June 5th

Look for a VolunteerSpot sign up coming soon, and help us celebrate our amazing teachers and staff at the PTO's end-of-year appreciation event. We will be looking for recess and lunch duty coverage, as well as many homemade food items. Short on time? We'll also be looking for donations of beverages and paper goods! Contact Jill Zukerman (thezukermans@gmail.com) or Samantha Richter (samantha.d.richter@gmail.com) with any questions.

BOOK FAIR

June 9 & 10 (Monday and Tuesday)

Our end of year book fair is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading materials! Visit during the day, or at Happy Hollow's School Picnic. To volunteer or for more information contact Lynne Cribben at lcribben@yahoo.com.



END OF YEAR PICNIC

Monday, June 9th at 5:30pm

Raindate: Wednesday, June 11th at 5:30p

Join friends and neighbors and reminisce about a great school year at Happy Hollow at our End of Year Picnic! This is an annual favorite, complete with DJ and popsicles. So bring a picnic dinner and join us on

the back field for some fun!

5th Grade Events for May and June

Attention 5th Grade Parents: School Related Candid Pictures Needed Immediately

Mandi Bruce-Magura and Todd Magura have been very hard at work putting together the 5th grade slide show for our last day of school. While they have all of the pictures submitted to Lori Caddo for the 5th grade memory book and also candid pictures many of you have submitted of various school related activities, there are still quite a number of children for whom no candid pictures have been submitted. We really want to make sure all of the 5th graders are represented in the slide show, and not just with their 5th grade picture.

So, PLEASE send in your candid pictures of your 5th grader from school related activities (assemblies, field trips, end of the year picnics, open houses, talent shows, field days, band/string/chorus concerts, etc.). We need to have them by next Tuesday, May 13th, at the very latest to insure we have time to incorporate them into the slide show. This deadline cannot be extended. If candid pictures of your child are not received by that date, it is likely that only their 5th grade picture will be included in the slide show if you haven't already sent in other school-related candid pictures of your child.

You can either email your school-related candid pictures to Mandi at mandibrucemagura@comcast.net or mail a hard copy labeled with the child's name to 21 Lakeshore Drive, and it will be scanned in and sent back to you. Either way, please be sure we know who the child is and please be sure to submit them by May 13th.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mandi directly by email, or feel free to contact Tamara Kolz Griffin, the 5th Grade Activities Chair at tamarakolz@live.com.

The 5th Grade Activities Committee has been working hard all year to insure that our 5th graders' final year at Happy Hollow is a memorable and special one. The Roller Kingdom and Bash events were attended by almost all of the Happy Hollow 5th graders and were from all accounts a huge success. Thank you to Marci Alvarado for coordinating the Roller Kingdom event and to Alexia Obar for coordinating the Bash with the Claypit folks. The 5th Grade Class T-shirts have been created and distributed. Thank you to Stephanie Salitsky for her hard work and cool design on the T-shirts. The 5th grade class picture with the children wearing their T-shirts was taken on April 30th. Parents had an opportunity to order the class picture for themselves if they wanted one apart from the one that will appear in the 5th Grade Memory Book.

We are coming into the home stretch for the 5th grade activities. Following is a time line of the remaining 5th Grade Events so that you may plan accordingly for your child:

- The 5th Grade Play will be Thursday, May 22nd. Kristin Neprud is coordinating this effort with Amy Pohl.
- The 5th Grade Pool Party is scheduled for Friday, June 6th, after school from 3pm. The rain date for this event will be Friday, June 13th. Chaperones will walk the participating students from Happy Hollow to the Wayland Town Pool. Parents will pick their children up from the pool. Electronic permission slips and other details are being coordinated by Jinglei Whitehouse with assistance from Sohie Lee.
- The 5th grade class gift is being organized by Stephanie Leong and will be announced at the last school assembly. We are soliciting gift ideas. Please email Stephanie_Leong@alum.wellesley.edu with any and all suggestions!
- Distribution of the Memory Books will likely take place the last day of school. The creation and organization of the Memory Books is being coordinated by Lori Caddo.
- Events on the last day of school, June 19th, will include the following events:
 - Field Day at the High school with Mr. Berry
 - Lunch at High School (pizza and water provided by the 5th Grade Activities Committee)
 - Slide Show with Time TBD (Slide Show organized and created by Mandi Bruce-Magura)
 - Clap Out at 1:50
 - Beach Party at Town Beach to follow (coordinated by Lisa Puckett)

If any parents would like to help with the remaining 5th grade events or activities, please contact the 5th Grade Activities Committee Chair, Tamara Kolz Griffin at tamarakolz@live.com, or feel free to contact the person organizing the event directly.

Happy Hollow Hurrah!

HAPPY HOLLOW HURRAH

Many thanks to...

Our dedicated lice check volunteers who turned out for the final lice check of the year!

Jennifer Hood-DeGrenier, the PTO's Green Team Representative at Happy Hollow, for the donation of a grow light to get warm weather crops started inside and for all of her work preparing the Happy Hollow gardens for a new growing season. Stop by to visit the gardens – flowers are in bloom, cool weather crops are planted in all six gardens, and warm weather crops and an herb garden are ready to go as soon as the weather allows for planting!

And many thanks to those we might have left off this list! If there's anyone who's helped out that you wish to acknowledge in future newsletters, please email the information to Andrea O'Brien at aobrien68@gmail.com.

Welcome 2013-2014 Board

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